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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING: FEBRUARY 13-DUBLIN

REF: DUBLIN 304

1. FOLLOWING IS AMPLIFICATION AND COMMENT RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY (LA ROCCA) WITH REGARD TO EC FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S MEETING IN DUBLIN FEBRUARY 13.

2. PORTUGAL. ALL AGREED ON SERIOUSNESS OF PORTUGUESE SITUATION.

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UK WAS PARTICULARLY DISPOSED TO BE HELPFUL BUT IMPRESSED WITH NEED

TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF INTERFERING. FRG CONCERRED IN BRITISH VIEW. SAUVAGNARGUES, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT WHILE IN PARIS SOARES HAD SEEMED TO INDICATE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT WOULD BE WELCOME, AND AGREEMENT WAS THEREFORE REACHED TO ISSUE THE BLAND STATEMENT OF EC HOPES PEGGED TO SOAMES' VISIT.

3. CYPRUS. LA ROCCA BELIEVED IT APPARENT THAT CONCEPT OF EC MISSION TO CYPRUS IS NOW OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. CYPRUS STATEMENT (DUBLIN 303) REPRESENTED CLEAR CONSENSUS AND LAST PARAGRAPH IN EFFECT PUT BALL IN COURT OF PARTIES CONCERNED, WHERE IT IS LIKELY TO REMAIN. IN EVENT EC IS ACTUALLY INVITED TO TAKE A MEDIATING HAND, THERE WOULD BE NO LACK OF WILL, BUT NO EC ROLE IS YET VISIBLE ON HORIZON.

4. EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. LA ROCCA SAID THERE WAS A GOOD CONSENSUS FOR THE CONDITIONS EC HAS SET FOR DIALOGUE (I.E. PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS, NOT IDENTIFIED AS PLO OR OTHERWISE; NO POLITICAL CONTEXT TO TALKS; AND ARAB SIDE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE FOR ALL ARABS). HE ALSO SAW SOME URGENCY IN FINDING AGREEMENT WITH ARABS ON MODALITIES BEFORE MID-MARCH, WHEN LIBYANS WILL CHAIR ARAB LEAGUE MEETINGS. ANY ENHANCEMENT OF LIBYAN ROLE COULD ONLY IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE AND APOLITICAL EXCHANGE.

5. CSCE. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT ON PEACEFUL CHANGE - INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, THE WEST MUST STICK TO "AMERICAN FORMULA".

ON CBM'S, LA ROCCA EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT NATO MUST NOW DEVELOP AGREEMENT ON WHAT CAN REALISTICALLY BE ASKED OF SOVIETS AND WHAT IS MINIMUM WEST CAN ACCEPT.

(COMMENT: IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM LA ROCCA'S PRESENTATION WHETHER THIS VIEW WAS MORE BROADLY HELD, OR WHETHER IT MERELY REPRESENTS GROWING ITALIAN CONVICTION.) ON FOLLOW-UP, BOTH UK AND DANES WERE "SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE", BUT CONSENSUS IS GROWING FOR DANISH FORMULA (FOR MEETING OF OFFICIALS AFTER THREE YEARS TO EVALUATE IMPLEMENTATION).

6. EC COORDINATION IN UN. THERE WAS LITTLE TIME IN DUBLIN TO DEVOTE TO DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM, BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS ALL ARE AWARE OF (A) ADVANTAGES OF COORDINATION AND (B) NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH THIRD WORLD AND APPEARANCE OF RICH COMBINING TO OPPOSE PPOR. CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION BROUGHT OUT THE OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE EC CHIEFS OF MISSION IN NEW YORK AND THEIR DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF POINTS (A) AND (B) ABOVE. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE MISSION CHIEFS UNDERLINING THESE POINTS WERE AGREED UPON, AS WELL AS INCREASED COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS (IN BRUSSELS) AND GENERAL POLITICAL LINES (IN POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING).

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